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For: FLUID OPERATED RETRACTORS

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In response to the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

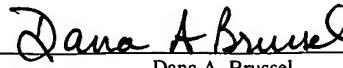
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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